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Honors News

March 1996

...brought to you by the Center for Academic Excellence

Dates to Remember:

March 18

Deadline to apply for the Study Abroad and Domestic Scholarships, sponsored by the MU Honors Program. You need to leave your application in the Center for Academic Excellence. Available funding includes one \$1,000 stipend for studying abroad and one \$500 stipend for any domestic study involving any honors-related topic. For more information about the awards and the application process, drop by the CAE and ask Sheri.

April 4, 11:00 a.m. at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

Honors Convocation: Dr. Risa Ileen Palm, Professor of Geography and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oregon, will speak on "Earthquake Hazards in California and Japan: A Geographer's View."

All Honors Students are asked to attend.

Notes:

Any Scholar who will be graduating in May with Honors on your diploma should notify Sheri (ext. 5421) as soon as possible. Prepare a list of all Honors classes you have taken plus Yeager Seminar.

The Center for Academic Excellence has some new scholarship information. The name of the list is "The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation Scholarship Program." There are several scholarships listed.

Comments from the Chair...

One of the challenges facing any University Honors Program is arriving at mechanisms that allow students and faculty from many different disciplines to feel a sense of unity, a sense of connection to an interdisciplinary program that is constantly shifting and growing. I am happy to see that the students within the program have decided to meet this challenge through the formation of the Marshall University Honors Student Association (MUHSA) and I congratulate them on their recent approval by SGA as a recognized campus organization. MUHSA gives honors students an opportunity to meet with their peers to socialize, plan events, and provide input into the direction of the Honors Program. I look forward to working with MUHSA on implementing its ideas.

Another way in which honors students may "connect" with the Program is through the use of various electronic means available on the university's computer system. For example, the Honors Program tries to include all honors students on an electronic mailing list; that list posts important information on scholarship availability and class information. Students may also initiate relevant discussions or ask questions on the list by posting a message to honors@musom01.mu.wvnet.edu. Just remember, everyone on the list will receive this mail! If you are currently an honors student who does not receive electronic mail from this list and would like to in the future, please contact Malinda Wilson, co-consul of MUHSA, at Wilson26@marshall.edu.

Students may also access the Honors Program's newsgroup. Users may log onto NEWS, at Hobbit's main menu, and then access 0.marshall.university.honors for periodic announcements about related events. Finally, students will soon be able to retrieve information about Dr. Richard Garrett's Fall 1996 seminar on the Holocaust through a web-page for the class; that page will also contain many links to other Holocaust related sites.

The Honors Program is very pleased to be able to use this technology to bring together the many different students and faculty interested in Honors at Marshall. If you would like to join our group, we hope you'll give us a call.

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MUHSA:

The Honors Program and MUHSA are pleased to announce the first panel discussion in an ongoing series entitled "What's it Like?". The first panel, which will focus on "What's it Like...To Attend Graduate School?", takes place on Wednesday, April 10 from 3:30-5:00 in room 2W22 of the Memorial Student Center. The panel will consist of three recently-hired faculty members from different disciplines who will share their experiences about what it is like to attend graduate school in their particular fields.

Those faculty members are Dr. Frank Gilliam, Associate Professor of the Biological Sciences, Dr. Chris LeGrow, Assistant Professor of Psychology, and Dr. Amy Hudock, Assistant Professor of English. They will talk about the best way to position yourself for graduate school, offer some tips for succeeding while there, and discuss the way in which one looks for an academic job as a graduate student within the field. The panel should be interesting, exciting, and of great use to any honors student planning to attend graduate school; those students who are just considering graduate school might also receive some helpful perspective. If you do plan to be at the panel, make sure to bring specific questions, which the panel will be happy to address after their presentations.

Future panels in the "What's it Like?" Series will examine fields like the legal profession and the medical community, among others. Look for announcements about these lectures in your upcoming newsletters.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye:

Those honors students interested in scholarships or grants for academic study might want to check out fastweb's student scholarship search service. The address is:

<http://www.studentservices.com/fastweb/>

The site provides access to thousands of scholarships and grants, fellowships and internships, and even loans. The database of scholarships increases by approximately 1,200 awards each day and the site is extremely popular, so be patient.

When you first log on, you work through a series of menus that helps create a student profile based on your educational interests and academic achievement. The questions are very specific and take about ten minutes to answer. After that, a personal mailbox is created for you, allowing you to access any scholarships appropriate to your interests; and the mailbox stays active, allowing you to check new material as it is added.

I performed a search under a fictional identity and was provided with very specific information about three scholarships. Each response provided detailed data about scholarship requirements, dates applications are due, addresses, and even a model letter of application.

Check it out!

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